



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: JUNCTION FLEXIBLE WIRING CIRCUIT BOARD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Amended) A junction flexible wiring circuit board used for performing junction between a suspension board for mounting a magnetic head thereon and a control circuit board for operating said magnetic head, said junction flexible wiring circuit board comprising:  
  
a metal layer formed as a front surface layer of said junction flexible wiring circuit board, wherein said metal layer is formed substantially uniformly in the lengthwise direction except portions where terminal portions are provided.

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